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SUBJECT: NIKON KEIZAI ARTICLE ON JDA DIRGEN MIHARA'S FORTHCOMING
VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. IN LEAD ARTICLE AUGUST 5 NIHON KEIZAI REPORTED THAT
ACCORDING TO JDA SOURCES SECDEF PRESENTED FIVE REQUESTS
TO GOJ LEADERS DURING VISIT LAST WEEK: IMPROVEMENT OF
JAPANESE ASW CAPABILITY; IMPROVEMENT OF AIR DEFENSE
CAPABILITY; IMPROVEMENT OF LOGISTICAL AND SUPPLY SYSTEM;
STRENGTHENING OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ROK AS
SUPPLEMENT TO WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES; AND
INCREASED GOJ SHARE OF DEFENSE COSTS SPECIFICALLY
USFJ LABOR COSTS. ARTICLE SAID SECDEF WISHED TO TAKE UP
THESE MATTERS DURING MIHARA'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN
SEPTEMBER.

2. FIVE-POINT REQUEST IS REGARDED BY NIHON KEIZAI AS
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CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S APPEAL TO
PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA IN MARCH THAT JAPAN EXERT MORE
POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN ASIA. ARTICLE ALSO SPECULATED
THAT IN MEETING U.S. REQUESTS IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY
FOR GOJ TO INCREASE DEFENSE BUDGET, IN EXCESS OF PRESENT
.88 PERCENT OF GNP. ARTICLE NOTED MIHARA AND JDA LEADERS
PROPOSED TO HAVE JDA ACQUIRE P-3CS IN RESPONSE TO

U.S. APPEALS AND THAT JDA HAD ALREADY BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS
WITH OTHER MINISTERIES FOR INCLUSION OF F-15 IN JFY 78
BUDGET.

3. ON LABOR-COST SHARING, ARTICLE NOTED THAT MIHARA
MADE NO COMMENT BUT JDA LEADERS WERE QUOTED AS SAYING
THAT GOJ MUST FIND SOME WAY TO RESPOND WITHIN SCOPE OF
SOFA, AND THAT GOJ WAS CONSIDERING REQUEST FOR SOME
SIX BILLION YEN IN JFY 78 BUDGET.

4. ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT SECDEF ACKNOWLEDGED GOJ
CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE
TO ROK BUT URGED FULLEST POSSIBLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION
TO STRENGTHEN ROK'S CAPABILITY FOR SELF DEFENSE.

5. COMMENT: ARTICLE IS ONE OF SEVERAL APPEARING IN
PAST SEVERAL DAYS ON LABOR-COST SHARING, FX AND PXL.
ALL HAVE BEEN SENSITIVE TO U.S. REQUESTS FOR QUALITA-
TIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN JAPANESE FORCES AND FOR INCREASED
GOJ CONTRIBUTION TO U.S. EXPENSES IN JAPAN. SIX BILLION
YEN FIGURE HAS APPEARED SEVERAL TIMES, BOTH FROM JDA
AND DFAA SOURCES, AND APPEARS TO BE ONE ON WHICH CON-
SENSUS MAY POSSIBLY BE FORMING WITHIN GOJ. FLURRY OF
ARTICLES IS ALSO OF COURSE DIRECTLY RELATED TO FACT
THAT JFY 78 MINISTERIAL BUDGET-ESTIMATE REQUESTS MUST
BE PUT TO BED BY END OF AUGUST.
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